

At the Budget Session, held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 1:00 P.M., in the Board Room of the Greenville County Government Building, 1781 Greenville County Circle, Emporia, Virginia.

Present Peggy R. Wiley
 Michael W. Ferguson
 James C. Vaughan
 Dr. Margaret T. Lee

Chairman Wiley called the meeting to order.

In Re: Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Dr. Lee, to approve the Agenda. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: COLA

Mr. Whittington stated that the State had given its employees bonuses and the County employees had not received anything in the past three to four years. He stated that Staff was recommending a 1 ½ % increase for all County employees. Brief discussion was held concerning the recommendation. There was a consensus to defer the matter.

In Re: Deputy County Administrator Position

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended cutting the position and the additional fringe benefits that went along with the position. There was a consensus to accept Staff's recommendation.

In Re: Commissioner of the Revenue

Mr. Whittington stated that there was a position in this year's budget but there was a question as to whether it would be included in next year's budget. He stated that in the suggested cuts of the budget, Staff had identified the amount of money associated with the

position which was \$26,000. He also stated that there was a meeting last week concerning the twice payment of taxes in the year of 2012 and that he thought that that the program would come into existence. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was recommending the Board consider another position for next year and that Staff would be recommending a program after additional work on the twice payment of taxes had been conducted. He suggested that the item be re-visited if the twice payment of taxes was to go forward.

In Re: Constitutional Officers

Mr. Whittington stated that there were an overwhelming number of employees in the Treasurer and Commissioner's Office becoming the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors. He stated that ultimately, the Board left the decisions up to the constitutional offices but now that have significantly changes because the Board of Supervisors paid salaries and fringe benefits to most of the employees. He also stated that the two offices mentioned was a part of the Personnel Policy but not on the County's pay plan and the two offices were not mandated to do so. Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was trying to work its way through the relationship between the two Constitutional Offices and the Board of Supervisors and that they needed to make a decision as to whether they were going to be all the way in or all the way out. He stated that if the Offices decided to be all the way in, the Board of Supervisors would have precedence over hiring or firing employees as well as all other policies but the Constitutional Officers would have an input on matters involving their offices. There was a consensus among the Board that the Constitutional Officers needed to make a decision of whether they were in or out.

In Re: Greensville Volunteer Rescue Squad

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended a freeze of the contribution in the amount of \$40,000 and funding one new truck, splitting the cost with the City of Emporia.

In Re: Jarratt Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended freezing the appropriation for operations in the amount of \$20,000.

In Re: Med Flight

Mr. Whittington stated 1600 was appropriated in this year's budget and Staff was recommending \$1600 for next year.

In Re: Emporia Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Whittington stated that the requested amount was \$100,000 and Staff was recommending \$100,000.

In Re: Southside Regional Jail

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$564,798 and Staff was recommending \$564,798. He stated that the Finance Committee was still meeting as to what the Compensation Board would pay for those positions at the jail. He also stated that a meeting would be set up with the County Staff and Regina Hill as to how state would fund the State approved positions from this day forward. Mr. Whittington stated no recommendation had been made yet until the County heard from the Finance Committee.

In Re: Health Department

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended freezing funding in the amount of \$97,410.

In Re: Chapter 10 Board

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was recommending the same amount as this year for next year.

In Re: Department of Social Services

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended funding \$220,000 and next year to fund on a 50/50 basis with the City. There was consensus to fund on a 50/50 basis for next year.

In Re: Crater Area Agency on Aging

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was recommending funding for next year in the amount of \$2,000.

In Re: Cares Program

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$2,500 and Staff recommended the same.

In Re: Adult Activity Center

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$16,340 and Staff recommended freezing the appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.

In Re: Boys and Girls Club

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$33,000 and Staff recommended freezing the appropriation at \$30,750.

In Re: Livestock Barn

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$5,000 and that Staff was recommending \$1,000 due to the ownership of the building would still be with the Ruritan Club. There was a consensus to fund the Livestock Barn in the amount of \$2500.

In Re: Golden Leaf Commons

Mr. Whittington stated that at the last meeting Staff recommended the position of a part-time person to help with the rental of the building but was now recommending deleting the position and recommended the repositioning of responsibilities of the Deputy County Administrator to the GIS Coordinator. There was a consensus among the Board to accept Staff's recommendation.

In Re: Village View

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$500 and Staff was recommending \$0.

In Re: Regional Library

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$1,000 for insurance and Staff was recommending \$600. He also stated that Staff recommended freezing the contribution at \$106,845 from the requested amount of \$110,051 and to get a count of how many county residents attend the library versus city residents.

In Re: Habitat for Humanity Housing

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended eliminating the housing position and that for the lease of the building, the request was for \$3,000 and Staff was recommending freezing the contribution at \$1650.

In Re: Airport Commission

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$61,287 and Staff was recommending freezing the funding level at \$60,307.

In Re: IDC

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$107,000 and Staff recommended the same.

In Re: Industrial Park Rail Maintenance

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$15000 for work to be done on the northern side and Staff recommended the same. He also stated that the Staff requested an increase on the revenue in and annual contribution of \$7500.

In Re: Perdue

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$1,000 and Staff was recommending \$0.

In Re: Peanut Festival

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$4,000 and Staff was recommending the same.

In Re: Southeast Community Assistance

Mr. Whittington stated that the request was for \$2,000 and Staff recommended \$0.

In Re: Schools

Mr. Whittington stated that Dr. Worrell would be at the next regularly scheduled meeting. He stated that the City would need to increase funding level to \$360,000 due to a shift of students from the County to the City. He also stated that Staff would like to procure some maintenance services with the schools such as maintenance contracts and group the County and the Schools together to get cheaper rates.

In Re: Washington Park- Phase III Community Building

Mr. Whittington stated that the amount was a \$564,625 expense. He stated that the bond proceeds for that much money that would be borrowed was \$464,625. He also stated that there was a USDA Grant included in that amount of \$25,000 and a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$75,000. Mr. Whittington stated adding the bond proceeds, the USDA Grant and the CDBG Grant together would equal the \$564,625 which balanced with the expenditures. He stated that Staff was close to advertising the project.

In Re: Commonwealth Attorney's Office Park

Mr. Whittington stated that the bond amount was \$1,300,000. He stated that the budget did not include the historic tax credit being worked on and that the County should receive anywhere from \$250 - \$300,000 in tax credits which would reduce the amount needed to be borrowed.

In Re: Boys and Girls Club Windows and Doors

Mr. Whittington stated that for the windows and doors, the cost would be \$55,895 and Staff was recommending a five year capital improvements program which would be more than \$55,000. He stated that Staff recommended that when the commitment made to the YMCA in the amount of \$15,000 lapsed, that the \$15,000 plus the City's \$15,000 could be rolled over to do improvements to the Boys and Girls Club.

In Re: Phase III of the SVEC

Mr. Whittington stated that Phase III was \$4,556,255 with bond proceeds in the amount of \$1.7 million that the County or the IDA would borrow. He stated that the debt service would be paid for by the Comprehensive One Stop with rent from the VEC. He also stated that a USDA Grant in the amount of \$125,000, a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$1,502,660 and the annual 2010 Tobacco Commission allocation in the amount of \$128,995 and then the total earmarked in the amount of \$400,000 would be included.

In Re: Runway Rehab

Mr. Whittington stated that the amount was \$37120 requested by the Airport Commission and Staff recommended a 2% match for the overlay of the runway. There was a consensus to remove the funding until Staff heard from the state and federal government

In Re: Carpet at the Courthouse

Mr. Whittington stated that the renewed request was for \$95,000 and Staff recommended doing the carpet replacement in 1/3 increments which would probably cost about \$35,000 per year for three years to shed some expense.

In Re: Chris Vaughan

Chris Vaughan, I T Technician, addressed the Board stating that Staff was requesting \$22,000 for a bandwidth allocator. He stated that it was device to go in basement to monitor what people used in the office park because some shared the County's internet service. He also stated that it would regulate who's able to use what portion at what time from each building. There was a consensus to fund the \$22,000 over 3 years at 4% with an annual expenditure of \$7,000.

In Re: GIS Equipment

Mr. Vaughan stated that the equipment was a large copier and would be used for oversized maps. He stated that at this time, only Dave would be needing those types of documents and would be very efficient for his use but if funding needed to be cut now, he felt that the equipment could probably be purchased at another time and continue to use what was already in the department. There was a consensus to remove the funding for the equipment.

In Re: David Sledge

Mr. Sledge stated that the price quoted for carpeting in 2009 was \$95,000. He stated that Mr. Whittington and Mr. White met at the courthouse last week and discussed different options concerning replacing the carpet. There was a consensus to replace the carpet at the courthouse in different phases.

In Re: De Super Heater

Mr. Sledge requested funding concerning a De-Super Heater. He stated that the quoted amount in 2009 was \$65-\$70,000. The Board of Supervisors recommended Mr. Sledge apply for a grant and return to Board with a recommendation.

In Re: Ambulance

There was a consensus to fund the vehicle over a 3 year period at an expenditure of \$25,000 totaling \$69,824 at 4%.

Mr. Whittington stated that the Board had now saved \$80,000 off of the budget with the noted cuts.

In Re: Social Services Phone System

Mr. Whittington stated that the phone system cost \$26,000. There was a consensus to fund half and the City fund half of the cost at \$13,000 to be subtracted out of the miscellaneous projects.

In Re: In the Line of Duty Act

Mrs. Whitby stated that VACo Insurance would be providing life insurance for families of deputies or jailers up to an amount of \$100,000. There was a consensus to accept VACo's offer at \$210 per person and VACo would keep up with the survivors and associated duties. Chairman Wiley abstained.

In Re: Recommendation for Twice Tax Payments

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was recommending a projection of \$3 million but did not know for sure the projection of revenues for real property. There was a consensus to accept Staff's recommendation.

In Re: Washington Park Phase IV Property Acquisition

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended it stay on schedule.

In Re: Miscellaneous Projects

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff was requesting \$33,780 for miscellaneous projects for unexpected projects.

In Re: Closed Session

Mr. Whittington, County Administrator, stated that Staff recommended the Board go into Closed Session, Section 2.2-3711 (a) 1) Industrial Development Matters.

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to go into Closed Session, as recommended by Staff. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan, and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Regular Session

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to go into Regular Session. Voting aye: Supervisors Ferguson, Lee, Vaughan and Chairman Wiley.

In Re: Certification of Closed Meeting – Resolution #11-114

Supervisor Ferguson moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to adopt the following Resolution. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Supervisor Ferguson, aye; Supervisor Lee, aye; Supervisor Vaughan, aye; and Chairman Wiley, aye.

**RESOLUTION #11-114
CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Greenville County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greenville County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Greenville County Board of Supervisors.

Peggy R. Wiley, Chairman

K. David Whittington, Clerk